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VISIT OF US DEFENCE DELEGATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a US Government delegation on defence, visited India in November, 2000;

(b) if so, the main issues discussed between the two countries and the decisions arrived at;

(c) the reaction of the US delegation on the issue of lifting sanctions against India;

(d) whether any agreements were also signed for military co-operation between the two countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Mr. James M. Bodner, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defence for Policy of the United States accompanied by officers from US Department of Defence visited India on November 15-16, 2000.

(b) During the meetings of the US delegation in the Ministries of Defence and External Affairs, the two sides exchanged their perspectives on national, regional and international security issues, including the menace of international terrorism and religious extremism. Matters relating to bilateral defence cooperation were also discussed.

(c) The issue of lifting sanctions was not raised during this visit.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.